

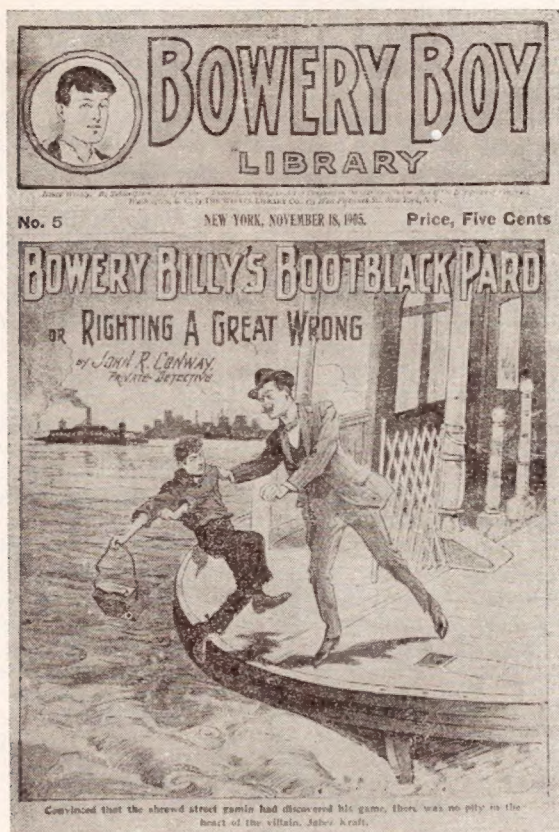
DIME NOVEL ROUND-UP

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DIME NOVEL SKETCHES #12 BOWERY BOY LIBRARY/WEEKLY

Published by Winner Library Co., Street & Smith under a publishing "pseudonym," 100 issues, Oct. 21, 1905 to Sept. 14, 1907; 8x11 inches, 32 pages. Bright colored cover. The first 90 issues were titled Bowery Boy Library, with No. 91 the name was changed to Bowery Boy Weekly. Most of the stories were reprinted from the Broadway Billy stories which had appeared in Beadles Half Dime Library. New stories were added to round out the 100 numbers. Some of the later issues were reprinted in the final numbers of Brave and Bold.

OLD ENGLISH JOURNALS FOR BOYS

"Aldines New Boys Paper"

By W. M. Burns

Aldines New Boys Paper was evidently not started by the Aldine Co. as No. 2 of the paper has the following sentence underneath the masthead, "Edited by Ralph Rollington," and publisher listed on back page as The New Boys Paper Company, 17 Gough Square, Fleet Street, London, E.C., and it continued that way for 23 issues. However, starting with No. 24, the sentence "Edited by Ralph Rollington" was removed for good and on last page the publishers name was given as The Aldine Publishing Company, 9 Red Lion Court, Fleet Street, London, E. C.

On the face of it, it looks as if Rollington (Allingham) started the paper and later sold out to the Aldine people. I have been told that The New Boys Paper was the first story paper to be published by the Aldine Co. It was about the same size as Boys of England, Boys Comic Journal and other boys journals of that era, about $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2}$.

No. 1 is dated Oct. 2, 1886 and it ran to 74 issues, No. 74 is dated Feb. 25, 1888. I have the complete run of the 74 issues bound in one large cloth bound volume. With No. 75, the title of the paper is changed to The British Boys Paper. I have none of

the latter and have no idea just how long they ran.

While conducted by Rollington, a large part of the first page illustrations were full page. But after being taken over by Aldines, these were cut down to half page illustrations, and there were always half page illustrations on pages 8 and 9. Sometimes, but not often, there were small illustrations on other pages. It was a 16 page paper and sold for one penny per copy, from start to finish.

The general make-up of this paper was similar to other old journals of that period. Serials, short stories, little fact articles, answers to correspondents, exchange mart, etc.

Sometimes authors name given, but more often not.

The three serials starting in No. 1, are "The Cruise of the Phantom. A Mystery of the Sea," by Charlton. "Barringtons Fag; or, The Boys of Simonides Academy," by Herbert St. Clair. "The Sword and the Treasure" (no author).

Later on, there were sometimes from four to six serials running at one time. This paper contained quite a number of stories reprinted from American sources. Here is a list of them.

"Toby Tyler and His Friend Mr. Stubbs," reprinted from the book "Toby Tyler," by James Otis. "Uncle Jabez and the Wild Norsemen of the Polar Seas." This is a changed title

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publication in the following month's issue.

SOME BARGAINS

Gorden Argosy. 80 assorted numbers, ranging from Vol. 4, No. 10, Feb. 27, 1880, to Vol. 6, Dec. 3, 1887. The lot, \$40.00.

Western Story Library, thick books, Nos. 1 to 53, except Nos. 44 and 47. Very good condition. Ted Strong stories reprinted from Young Rough Rider Weekly. The lot, \$30.00.

Old Sleuth Weekly, fair to good, all with covers, my choice, all different, 50 for \$30.00.

The Adventure Library, Street & Smith thick books, all by William Wallace Cook, good, with covers, all different my choice, 40 for \$25.00.

St. George Rathborne novels, thick books, fair to good, some a little water stained, all with at least front covers, all different, my choice, 40 for \$20.

Merriwell thick books, mostly in The Merriwell Series, fair to good with covers, all different, 35 for \$25.00.

New Magnet Library, my choice, fair to good, with covers, all different, 30 for \$15.00.

Golden Weekly, Nos. 1 to 145, (complete file) nice condition except three damaged numbers. Loose, \$90.00.

Top Notch magazine. Good condition, but without covers or index, Vols. 7 to 12. Cloth bound in big books. One number misplaced. Big bargain. Write for information.

Pearson's Magazine for 1912 and 1913. Without covers or index. Otherwise good condition, bound in two books, fair condition, cloth binding. Back cover of 1912 vol. damaged. The lot, \$9.00.

Motor Stories, good condition, Nos. 2, 3, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 27, 28, 30. 90 cents each. The lot \$8.00. Nos. 28, 29, 30, fair, 75c each.

Frank Leslie's Boys of America, Vol. 1, No. 1 (Oct. 1873) to Vol. 5, No. 24. Bound in one book. Fair to good condition. Good binding. \$7.50.

The Argosy, Vol. 7, Nos. 1 to 26. Commencing Dec. 1, 1888. Fair to good. Bound in one book. Alger and other authors. \$19.00.

The Argosy, same as above, slightly damaged and binding gone. \$12.00.

Also 50 loose numbers ranging through vols. 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. Condition fair. The lot \$12.50.

Cavalier, Dec. 1909 without covers, and five others ranging from Jan. 16, 1914, to Jan. 17, 1914 (back cover missing). The lot, \$1.75.

Assortment of old pulp magazines, detective, adventure, western. Tell me your wants.

A mixed lot of ADVENTURE MAGAZINE. Getting scarce. 10 assorted fair to good condition, \$3.00. My choice.

Lena Wingo, the Mohawk. A sequel to The Wilderness Fugitives, by Edward S. Ellis. Red cloth. Good condition. \$1.00.

Postpaid.

Subject to prior sale.

P. J. Moran

2040 Almond Avenue

Concord, California

and a reprint of Beadles Half Dime Library No. 159, titled, "The Lost Captain; or, Skipper Jabez Coffin's Cruise to the Open Polar Sea," by Capt. Fred Whittaker. "Lasso, Lance and Rifle," by Leon Hunter. This is a reprint of one of the several tales about "Dashing Charlie" that appeared in both Beadles Dime and Half Dime Libraries written by Col. Prentice Ingraham and probably a changed title, from the original, "Buffalo Bill. His Life and Adventures in the Wild West," by Capt. Marcy Hunter. A rewritten story from "Buffalo Bill, King of the Border Men," "Buffalo Billy the Boy Bull Whacker" and "Buffalo Bill from Boyhood to Manhood," etc.

"The Lost Trail" and "Campfire and Wigwam." Both are reprinted from Edward S. Ellis books of the same title. "The Satin Wood Box" is a reprint from a book by J. T. Trowbridge. "The Scout Comrade of Buffalo Bill. His Exploits, Adventures and Hair Breadth Escapes" a reprint of one of the "Texas Jack" stories in Beadles Dime Library.

"The Death Trailer of the Wild West," by Hon. W. F. Cody is a reprint of Beadles Dime Library No. 52, titled, "Death Trailer, the Chief of Scouts; or Life and Love in a Frontier Fort," by William F. Cody.

"The Sword and the Treasure" and its sequel, "The Red League; or, The Palace and the People," were two fine historical tales, of the days of King Charles the Second.

Some of the leading characters in these two fine tales are the King himself, the Duke of Buckingham, Colonel Blood, Claude Duval, Nell Gwynne, etc.

Another fine historical tale is "For His Friends Sake," by Gus Meredith. This is a tale of the days when Bonnie Prince Charlie was trying to win the throne and the crown of England.

Historical tales are my favorite type of story and the old English journals for boys were rich in these. A lot of them are stories of early times in England, dating as far back as the Saxon King Alfred and wars

with the Vikings and the Danes, and tales of the Roman Conquests.

It is because I like this type of story so well that it is the main reason why I like the old English journals.

Another fine story in The New Boys Paper is "The Brave Boy of the Basilisk." This is a story of adventures in a submarine boat. Other stories in the complete run of New Boys Paper, not listed so far, are "Facing the World," "The Boy Wonder; or, The Star of the Circus," "The Cabin Boy of the Polly Ann; or, The Gardens of Paradise," "Happy Jack the Rover," "Spangles and Gold; or, The Ups and Downs of Trolling Players," "The Fire Boy; or, The Son of the Brigade. A Story of Fighting the Flames" and "The Schoolboy Rovers." Truly a fine lot of old time stories.

Fact articles that run in series in New Boys Paper were, "Ventriloquism," "Conjuring," "Marvels of Earth, Sea and Air," "The Pantomime and All About It," "Domestic Pets," "Sports and Pastimes," etc.

A series of short stories ran for a time under the general title of "Tales of the Wild West," "Deeds of Daring," etc.

New Boys Paper was printed on a nice grade of paper, still nice and white and strong as ever, and should last for many more years to come.

EXCHANGE COLUMN

For Sale. Complete set of Deadwood Dick, Jr.'s stories in Beadles ½ Dime Library. Bob Frye, 895 Morgan Ave., Scenectady 9, N. Y.

Wanted. Secret Service #1 34 41 90 91 128 166 168 318 326 379 386 389 391 394 412 424 425 438 430 435 439 442 445 505 511 542 547 548 549 569 572 592 600 602 635 639 646 649 662 695 712 716 718. Liberty Boys of '76 #401 to 612. Have thousands to trade. Charles Bragin, 1525 West 12th St., Brooklyn 4, N. Y.

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IN MEMORIAM

Bill Burns and Stanley Pachon wrote in that Fred T. Singleton of Miami, Fla., publisher of "Peeps into our Literary Past," and "Peep Show," had died, but can't seem to find out the date. Fred started "In Our Sub-Literary Past" in 1937-38, numbers 1 to 4 and 1942 to 1945—"19th Century Peep Show" from Nos. 5 to 21. Fred also helped with nos. 5 to 19 of Reckless Ralph's Dime Novel Roundup, as assistant editor during those 19 numbers, besides writing a number of fine articles for the Roundup. He will be missed terribly. He was H. H. Bro. #5.

We also hear that Don Brewer of Stroudsburg, Pa., has passed on. He was a member of H. H. Bro. #39 up to a few years ago. I didn't know he had passed on, until I heard from R. W. Hausen of Summit, N. J., who got his collection. (I haven't had a chance to write him as yet). Don had a very nice collection.

Herbert Leckenby, from over in England, died about 3 or 4 months ago. He was the publisher of the Collector's Digest, another wonderful little paper on the old penny bloods and dreadfuls. (He was H. H. Bro. #141). He started the Collectors Digest in 1946, soon after the Old Boys Book Club, and its offshoot, The Sexton Blake Circle was formed by Mr. Leonard Packman and Mr. Robert Blythe. Herbert was 75 years of age at the time of his death, he was born in York on the second of July, 1889. Herbs old friend, Eric Fayne will continue to bring out The Collectors Digest.

Frank C. Willson of Melrose, Mass. H. H. Bro. #103, died March 6, 1960, after a long illness, he was 71. He was a rare book dealer, as well as collector of first editions of Mark Twain, as well as pamphlets, and memorabilia and so forth. Many's the deal for old novels and story papers we've had together. We'll all miss him terribly.

God Bless them all, wherever they may be.

NEWSY NEWS

Ralph F. Cummings
Fisherville, Mass.

Just received the March issue of Dime Novel Roundup and Denis Rogers sure has a fine lot of good stuff on Edward S. Ellis, and any one that's interested will get a great kick out of reading all about the Ellis Pseudonyms. As for my part, I never even dreamed Ellis was so popular, or could ever have written so much stuff, until it took Denis to work out the truth of all the good stuff Ellis wrote, no one knows what an author has done until he starts to check on him, and get information, and all the running around he has to do, in get-

WANTED, URGENT

Gilbert Patten: any letters, manuscripts, memorialia like personal belongings, etc. No books, or magazines, only rare items, Re. Merriwell, other writings.

Mrs. R. Ford

114 S. Palmway, Lake Worth, Fla.

WANTED

Cloth bound books, good editions.

Alger, too many titles to list.
Henty, The March to Magdalen, The Plague Ship.

Edward S. Ellis. Deerfoot on the Prairie.

Everett T. Tomlinson. In Days of Peril.

Paper Backs wanted

Merriwell Series #75 and 78.

Adventure Library #50, Bainbridge of Bangor.

Brave and Bold #197

Liberty Boys of '76, Young Klondike, James Boys Weekly, Jesse James Stories, All Sports, Young Athlete, Frank Manley, Buffalo Bill Stories (below #200) or what have you.

Must be in good condition.

WARD G. LOUCKS

150 East 8th St., Oswego, N. Y.

ting it, yes, you meet lots of people, but it's a drain on the old pocketbook too, as no doubt Denis had already found out, and to think we are able to get all this wonderful information through the pages of the Roundup—we should all be very thankful indeed. We can't thank Denis enough for all of what he has done for us.

Edward J. McNabb is still waiting for some one to bring out something along the line of "How to Collect Old Dime and Nickel Novels and Story Papers of Long Ago." I wish I could bring out something, but I'm so busy myself with the Mart, I just can't get the time, let alone doing any reading of the old timers.

Just heard from Prof. Albert Johansen, from down in sunny Florida. He says in the way of dime novels,

there's nothing new. He still is busy writing, and his Memoirs are finished up to the end of 1959, but still he says Memoirs are never finished until the author also is finished, but he thought he'd better index it to the end of 1959, and then anything in later years could be in an Appendix, but he wanted to see the main part of his stuff bound up, so it wouldn't be thrown away.

There is a fine article on old Dime Novels, in the October 1943 issue of the American Legion Magazine, so I hear.

Just got a tip that there is an old timer by the name of Harold Depolo, of Old Lyme, Conn., who wrote several of the Merriwell Stories. I haven't had a chance to find out for sure, as yet.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

- 236. Eric Fayne, Excelsior House, Grove Road, Surbiton, England (New).
- 237. Ivan Wilson, Mechanicsburg, Illinois (New Member).
- 238. William Michaels, 28 Woolson St., Mattapan 26, Mass. (New Member).
- 239. Ronald Gottesman, Hoosier Courts 20-1, Bloomington, Ind. (New).

WANTED — TIP TOP WEEKLY

Will purchase fifty copies Tip Top Weekly, numbers from 200 to 400. Must be good condition. Please send list of numbers you have and price. Also need Boys of 76 Weekly Nos. 323 482 245 571 588 344. Pluck and Luck No. 269.

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Boys of 76: 275 364 471 77 487 541 615 623 632 633 637 643 647 653 661 663 664 666 667 668 674 690 700 701 702 703 726 737 739 740 741 747 773 786 858.

All Around Weekly: 23 50 56 60.

Pluck & Luck: 503 528 553 643.

Tip Top Weekly: 154 176 181 182 188 402 414 to 424 426 428 420 to 437 439 442 443 444 445 478.

Secret Service Weekly: 264 268 274 280 281 282 283 284 286 287 288 289 291 297 299 304 315 318 329 334 337 349 352 359 360 361 362 363 366 368 369 371 373 376 377 301 303 380 390 392 394 401

Frank Reade Weekly: 15 51

Also have Work and Win and Wide Awake Weeklies. All letters answered and novels sold with money back if not satisfied. Please send me your want lists.

Raymond Mengar

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San Diego 6, Calif.

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